

Remarks

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the captioned application. Independent claim 27 is amended and dependent claim 47 is added.

The Office Action rejected claims 27-33 as being anticipated by Hoyer. Applicants traverse the rejection for the reasons stated in reply to the previous office action, which are incorporated herein by reference. In addition, independent claim 27 is amended to clarify that a workflow diagram symbolically depicts how the business rules are implemented for a given input. The Office Action relies on Hoyer's Figure 8. That figure is a graph of server hit rates over time, but is not a claimed workflow diagram. It does not show how business rules, that a workflow is implementing, are being implemented. It does not show execution statistics for individual steps of that workflow.

Anticipation requires the reference to disclose every limitation of the claim. "The identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the... claim." MPEP §2131, quoting *Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co.*, 868 F.2d 1226, 1236 (Fed. Cir. 1989). The Office Action's discussion of the doctrine of equivalents is not applicable. No means plus function claims are under consideration, and the Office Action's discussion of the sixth paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112 is also not applicable. For numerous reasons including those discussed above and those discussed in applicants' reply to the previous office action, Hoyer does not anticipate any of the claims.

The Office Action rejected claims 27-33 as being anticipated by Hull. As amended, independent claim 27 requires the execution statistics to comprise time elapsed during execution of one of the steps displayed in the workflow diagram. This is not disclosed by Hull. In connection with claim 29, the Office Action stated that runtime corresponds to execution time. Be that as it may, the paragraphs cited in the Office Action (and any other paragraphs in Hull) do not disclose display of time elapsed during execution of one of the steps displayed in the workflow diagram. Therefore, Hull cannot anticipate claim 27. The other claims depend from claim 27 and, consequently, also cannot be anticipated by Hull.

New dependent claim 47 is supported, for example, by pages 34-35 of the applicants' specification. It adds additional limitations to the method of displaying information that also are not disclosed by any of the cited references.

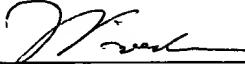
The applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance, and request reconsideration and allowance. Should the Examiner be of the opinion that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the application, the applicants request

the Examiner to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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